

Letters to the Editor

Proposals on Outside Research
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Colonial slate

To the Editor:

As a result of a meeting held with Vice-Presidents Long and Muller, Dean of the Faculty Murphy, and Professors Davis, Landsberger, and Weller, the Cornell Committee on U.S.-Latin American Relations would like to make some concrete policy proposals.

Proposals

Regarding CIA or other intelligence agency briefing and debriefing of students and faculty, the University must establish a policy to the effect that such activities are not themselves part of the professional role, although they may not be in conflict with it. Individual students would have this policy on which to comfortably base their refusal to provide certain information to certain individuals. At the same time, individuals who wanted to cooperate could still do so.

We recommend that the Center for International Studies draft a clear statement detailing the rights of students, faculty and administrators preparing for or returning from research or consulting abroad.

We urge the annual publication of a list of all consulting done by faculty and administrators or the University staff. Such information must be included, where not al-

ready, in departmental reports to deans and given public accessibility.

We urge that the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs immediately begin to examine the ties, if any, maintained by such offices as the University proctor and the office of foreign students with a view to eliminating any connections which violate the trust and ideals of the University and in effect tend toward severely limiting freedom of speech and political expression as well as research opportunities elsewhere.

Cleaning House

We agree that a policy paper is required to specify guidelines governing the acceptance of foundation and/or other funds by the University or individual faculty members for research or other support of University activities. We propose the establishment of a grant cleaning house under a single coordinator instead of improving coordination among existing mechanisms.

Furthermore we propose a ruling against academics' access to classified research, fully cognizant that such a ruling would be inimical to the research interests of many faculty members.

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